

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.20454 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-357 Year-2022 Thana- CHHATAUNI District- East Champaran

Priya ranjan S/O Ram Kishore Prasad @ Ram Kishor Prasad, Resident of
village - Talimpur,P.S- Madhuban, Dist-East Champaran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar.

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Abhishek Kumar, Advocate.

For the Opposite Party/s : Ms. Madhuri Lata, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SUNIL DUTTA MISHRA
ORAL ORDER

2 18-04-2026 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
A.P.P. for the State.

2. The petitioner apprehends his arrest in connection
with Chhatauni P.S. Case No.357 of 2022 instituted under
Sections 406, 420 of the Indian Penal Code.

3. As per the prosecution case, the informant who is
owner of ANP Info. Solution Private Ltd. which was assigned
by the Government to install smart meter has alleged that he
started the work of installation of meter since 01.07.2020. On
30.10.2021 all the accused persons including the petitioner who
are staff of informant in conspiracy with each other kept 422
new meters and 385 old meters and did not return it to the
informant. On demand the accused persons threatened the
informant to give them Rs.10 lacs as ransom. It is alleged that



earlier there is allegation of assault against the accused persons due to which another Chhatauni P.S. Case No.403 of 2021 has been lodged.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submits that the petitioner is working in the company of informant and money dispute has arisen between the company and petitioner due to which informant has implicated the petitioner in the present case. Learned counsel submits that petitioner is not an accused in Chhatauni P.S. Case No.403 of 2021. He further submits that there is no material against the petitioner to implicate him in the present case and no incriminating article has been recovered from his conscious possession. Learned counsel submits that similarly situated co-accused, namely, Chhotan Kumar Paswan has already been granted anticipatory bail by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 12.03.2026 passed in Cr. Misc. No.10951 of 2026. He further submits that petitioner has got clean antecedent and he undertakes to cooperate in the investigation and trial of the case.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail.



6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, submissions of learned counsel for the parties, the nature of allegation leveled against the petitioner and his clean antecedent as well as the fact that similarly situated co-accused has already been granted bail, in the event of arrest or surrender before the Court below within six weeks from today, the petitioner be released on bail upon furnishing bail bonds of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount to each to the satisfaction of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, East Champaran, Motihari/ concerned Court in connection with Chhatauni P.S. Case No.357 of 2022, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sunil Dutta Mishra, J)

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